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SUBJECT: ROKG PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT FOR SECURITY CONSULTATIVE
MEETING

1. MOFA AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR CALLED IN POL COUNS
AUGUST 12 TO GIVE HIM ROKG PROPOSED DRAFT OF JOINT
STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT UP-COMING SCM.

2. HE ASKED THAT TEXT BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR
USG REVIEW AND ANY COMMENTS.

3. EMBASSY/COMUSK COMMENTS WILL BE CABLED BY SEPTEL.

4. TEXT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWS: (PARAGRAPHS
AS NUMBERED IN KOREAN TEXT).

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS HELD IN
SEOUL, KOREA, ON AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1975, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AS AGREED
AT THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN HONOLULU, HAWAII,
ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1974.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER AND OTHER SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

DURING HIS VISIT, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PAID COURTESY CALLS ON HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL.

2. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXAMINED EXTENSIVELY THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, AND ESPECIALLY MATTERS AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE END OF ARMED CONFLICT IN INDOCHINA.

NOTING THAT THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO THAT OF NORTHEAST ASIA BUT ALSO TO PEACE OF THE WORLD, THEY JOINTLY ASSESSED AND EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MILITARY THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND DISCUSSED CON-
CRETELY THE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT THREAT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER SUH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE ARMED PROVOCATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953, INCLUDING CONTINUED BUILDUP OF ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE FOR SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST THE SOUTH. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TOOK NOTE OF THE EXPLANATION AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING VIGILANCE TO COPE WITH A SERIOUS THREAT POSED BY NORTH KOREA.

3. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PREVEN-
TION OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSE CAPABILI-
TIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA STRONG AND TO KEEP THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES AT SUFFICIENT STATE OF READINESS.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ALSO AGREED WITH MINISTER SUH THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN KOREA SHOULD BE
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MAINTAINED AND THEIR COMBAT EQUIPMENT BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED.

4. DEPLORING THE NEGATIVE AND BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE OF NORTH KOREA IN SPITE OF A SERIES OF CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973, REGARDING A FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION OF KOREA, THE PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE-
FUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS ADDRESS ON AUGUST 15, 1974, THE TWO DELEGATIONS URGED THE NORTH KOREANS TO DEMONSTRATE IN DEED THEIR INTENTIONS TO RESOLVE THE

KOREAN PROBLEM PEACEFULLY BY ABANDONING SUCH ATTITUDE AND AGREE-
ING WITHOUT DELAY TO THE NORMALIZATION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
SOUTH AND NORTH AS CALLED FOR BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS STATE-
MENT ON JULY 14, 1975.

5. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER REAFFIRMED THE FIRM UNITED STATES
COMMITMENTS TO THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY
DECLARING THAT HE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THAT ANYONE WOULD
CHALLENGE THOSE COMMITMENTS, AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD MEET PROMPTLY AND DECISIVELY ANY MOVE TO
TEST UNITED STATES COMMITMENTS. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER REASSURED
MINISTER SUH OF THE READINESS AND DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF
1954 IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA, AND AGREED WITH MINISTER SUH TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANTIAL
EMERGENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM JOINTLY BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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6. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE
PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.
RECOGNIZING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
IS BEING DELAYED BEHIND ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER
ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO
MAKE AN EARLY AND EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMAINING
PORTION OF THE PROGRAM POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO AUGMENTING THE IN-
SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF EQUIPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PRAISED THE SELF-HELP EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ATTAIN A SELF-RELIANCE IN DEFENSE. RECOGNIZING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE A MILITARY BALANCE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD STRIVE TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

7. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE INTEREST AND SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND
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DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WELCOMED SUCH EFFORTS AND ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCES AS NEEDED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FURTHER RECOGNIZED THE NEED OF COOPERATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE PRODUCTION OF DEFENSE MATERIALS AND PLEDGED THEIR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO MEET THAT NEED.

8. BOTH DELEGATES AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 1976 AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

9. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MINISTER SUH FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH LED THE MEETING TO SUCCESS. END QUOTE.
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